Money spent on Publicity Abroad by M|s. Parle Exports Private Limited

1602. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M|s. Parle Exports Private Limited has spent huge sums during the last three years on account of publicity abroad in foreign currency; if so, whether they obtained the permission of the Reserve Bank of India for remittance of foreign currency; and

(b) if so, what are the year-wise details of the amount so remitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Reserve Bank of India has informed that as per records available with them, no permission has been given during the last three years to M|s. Parle Exports Private Limited for incurring foreign exchange expenditure on publicity abroad.

(b) Does not arise.

Investment by Nationalised Banks

1603. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the broad details of the bodies in which the nationalised banks have invested the funds deposited with them by the public during the last three years; and

(b) whether these funds are being utilised for financing any public utility services like housing, transport, health services, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Puwlic Sector Banks deploy their resources in advancing loans to different categories of borrowers including public utility services like housing, transport, etc. To fulfil the statutory liquidity requirements, they also invest a part of their aggregate deposits in securities issued or guaranteed by Central and State Governments. The guaranteed issues besides national level institutions like IDBI, IFCI, ICICI, HUDCO, NCDC also cover State level institutions like State Financial Corporations, State Electicity Boards and Housing Boards.

Wordkers rendered Unemployed in the Textile Industry

1604. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of workers in textile industry who have been rendered unemployed due to the closure of textile mills;

(b) what programme has been planned or is being carried out to provide relief to such workers; and

(c) what is the amount of relief given to them during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Due to closure of 78 cotton textile mills as on 31-12-85, around one lakh workers have been rendered unempoyed.

(b) A Nodal Agency has been set up to evolve and manage a suitable financial package for rehabilitating potentially viable units out of these closed mills.

(c) No relief has been given to workers directly by the Government of India.

Effect of Computerisation in L.I.C.

1605. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI DHARAM [illegible]NDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the effect of computerisation in LIC;

(b) whether any fresh recruitment has taken places in LIC between 1974 and 1982; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Computeri-

sation was introduced in LIC through installation of micro-processors in Divisional Offices and major Branches as a replacement of the existing obsolete and unserviceable unit record systems in order to ensure quick and efficient service to the policy-holders and the agents. The above objectives are now being realised.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Details of recruitment between 1974 and 1982 are given below:—

Recruitment of Staff made in

YEAR	CLASS I	CLASS II	CLASS III	CLASS IV
1973—74	—	307	2487	907
1974—75	2	390	1148	42
1975—76	2	2	468	115
1976—77	—	—	78	34
1977—78	—	—	94	56
1978—79	100	—	187	546
1979—80	—	—	932	436
1980—81	9	29	923	731
1681—82	4	373	1757	585
1982—83	41	412	3431	856

It may be added that there was a ban on recruitment except for need-based posts, in the period 1975-76 to 1977-78. Thereafter, recruitments were made commensurate with the growth in business and the opening of branches.

Laws Governing Hotel Business

1606. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the laws that govern and regulate the hotel business in Delhi and other parts of the country; and

(b) whether Government propose to make amendments in the relevant statutes so as to avoid discrepancies and bring about homogeneity therein?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) The Department of Tourism approves hotels from the point of view of their suitability for tourists. The details of the laws that govern and regulate the hotel business in different States/U.Ts are not maintained by the Department.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Department of Tourism.

Export Promotion Councils

1607. SHRI BIRBHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether various Export Promotion Councils have been sponsored by Government for rendering assistance to exporters and for granting of Registration-cum Membership Certificates, etc.; and

(b) if so, what control Government exercise over them for their efficient working and on their expenditure in holding of executive committee meetings, seminars in Five Star Hotels and luxury travels?